

## HOW CAN THEY DO IT?

This is a common Expression among the people who visit the

## UTICA CLOTHING STORE

And find that their goods are so marvelously cheap, and so much less than they have been in the habit of paying. The first remark is: "How can they afford to sell so cheap?" There is a good explanation for the Low Prices at the Utica—They get their goods directly from the great factory of

## Owen, Pixley &amp; Co

Who own and control large woolen mills in the east and manufacture every garment at minimum cost. In a nut shell, they take wool from the sheep's back and convert it into a nice fitting garment. Consumers you can readily see the reason of the Low Prices at the UTICA—you are buying goods of first hands. Whether you come to purchase or inspect, we are pleased to see you.

## The Utica Clothing Store,

Haworth's New Block.

## Giving Away Cook Stoves

Good Prizes for a little Good Guessing.

We to-day place on exhibition at our store a Glass Globe filled with beans, and offer the following prizes to customers making best guess of number of beans. The filling of globe was left to disinterested persons, as will be seen by the following certificate:

## Certificate of Committee:

We, the undersigned have deposited a quantity of beans in a glass globe, on exhibition at the Hardware Store of Ferguson & Dillehunt, in this city, have securely sealed the globe, and have no knowledge of the number of beans contained therein.—D. S. SHELLBARGER, of D. S. Shellbarger & Co.'s Mills; JAMES FREEMAN, of Freeman Bros.' boots and shoes; F. L. HAYS, of F. L. Hays & Co.'s Dry Goods.

Customers are entitled to one guess for each dollar's worth of goods purchased. Should there be a tie between two or more, the committee will decide by lot. LAST OF PRIZES: Best guess, 1 No. 38 Champion Monitor cook stove; 2d best, No. 4-18 Family Griddle; 3d best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 4th best, 1 Ladies' Friend; 5th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 6th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 7th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 8th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 9th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer; 10th best, 1 No. 1 Novelty Cloth & Wringer. Names of the prize winners will be made public as soon after December 24th as the committee can count the beans and determine the prize winners.

Beans will be counted and prizes guessed determined by same committee. We have a Large Fresh Stock of

General Hardware, Cutlery, Tools, &c.,

—And the Finest Assortment of—

## STOVES!

In the State, which we offer at Bottom Prices. Come and see us.

## Ferguson &amp; Dillehunt

## CHEAP HOMES!

Base Ball. A bat, ball, and cap, given away with every boy's suit, at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. addtf

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Newest Idea. Baby Flying Machine. Everybody should see them in operation. Bring the baby and try them at "Lid-ahs." a30tf

Mantrals. Korsmeyer & O'Neill have just received a large lot of slate mantrals of different designs, all of the highest finish. They are beautiful. Call and see them. a23tf

Special Bargains in Mattings. This year's importations. Plain white, checked, fancy and jointless at Abel & Locke's. a293tf

Along the line of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, Texas & Pacific Railway and International & Great Northern Railroad, are thousands of acres of the choicest farming and grazing lands in the world, ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and \$4.00 per acre, in a healthy country, with climate unsurpassed for salubrity and comfort. Send your address to the undersigned for a copy of statistics of crops raised in Arkansas and Texas, in 1882, and make up your mind to go and see for yourself when you learn that the crop for 1883 is 50 per cent. larger than that of 1882. To those purchasing land owned by the company, and paying one-fourth, one-half, or all cash, a proportionate rebate is allowed for money paid for tickets or freight over the company's lines.

H. C. TOWNSEND,  
Gen'l Pass. Agent,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

CAN it be that the New York Tribune wishes to slander Mr. Blaine? It accuses him of being "one of the purest men in the nation!"

It is a remarkable fact that wages in England, where free trade has existed for many years, are higher than in any other country in Europe.

Is it not about time that the republican institution known as the Associated Press would begin giving the country regular bulletins of Mr. Tilden's health.

It is a slander on the nation to say that we have no army. The war department has just ordered eight miles of gold lace to trim it out for the spring season.

FRED DOUGLAS attended the convention of colored men in Pittsburgh this week, but did not meet with a hearty reception. Fred's offense is that he married a white woman!

It is currently reported that the friends of Attorney General McCarty, in various parts of the state, will vote the nomination of Hunt, whose pole knocked the persimmon at the Peoria convention.

THE WATSEKA TIMES thinks that the most perplexing questions the republican party has to confront this year are these: "Who will take Dorsey's place, and distribute the soap?" and "Where is the soap?"

MR. BLAINE is said to be arranging for a proxy to the Chicago convention. His success in snatching the Mulligan letters on the floor of congress doubtless gives him assurance that he may be able to snatch victory from his competitors, if on hand in person. Blaine is like the booby's dog; "he's a slick 'un."

SOME of the legal profession would like the matters of justice more in the hands of the judges. They should not forget that judges are human, pretty much as other men are—lawyers, in fact, and they would be like juries, pretty much as the lawyers try to have them. There should be no trouble in getting good juries, if the courts and their officers wish them.

The predictions of the Review that Alderman Muzzy's friends would not rest satisfied with making him a member of the city council, appear to be verified. They are now demanding that he be made the republican candidate for the legislature. The Review is already committed to Brother Mosser's nomination, but he will have to look out for Muzzy has shown that he is a good runner.

The republican party has always pledged itself to the full payment of all national obligations, which is only right. The sincerity of this pledge will be brought to a test at the Chicago convention, in deciding the contest between Billy Mahone and his repudiators, and the "straight-outs." The latter have always stood pledged to the full payment of all legal obligations, state and national.

"The tax on raw material," says Mr. John Dobson, manufacturer of carpets and woolen stuffs, "cuts up the profit." "We can make woolen goods in this country as well as they make them anywhere else," says Judge Hiltor, who has shut down his woolen mills, employing ten or twelve thousand persons, "but there is no profit in it. The tariff on wool is too high." The weavers, and other workers who still hug the delusion that a protective tariff has anything to do with keeping up the rate of wages, can study the operation of this protective wool tax in their days of leisure, when they have nothing better to do.—E.

MR. HEND, of Ohio, in his late speech on the tariff, said: "Oh, if I could burn into the brain of American manufacturers one sentence, it would be this: Turn from this constant intrusion to the nations of the world. Down with the walls! Ont to sea! There are two billion people who want to buy what you make. Rise up to the truth of the great thought that these manumse peoples can be supplied by you with all the instruments of husbandry and tools of artistry. But they will not take your goods unless you take theirs. Let your tariff disappear, and then, Oh manufacturers! your attention will be diverted from home markets to the generous rivalries of foreign trade, in which a wealth will come to you of which you do not dream to-day."

THE Peoria Freeman has been passed into the hands of an incorporated company, the incorporators being John W. Fuller, late political editor of the National Democrat; Wm. G. Randall, formerly editor of the El

Paso Journal, and John A. Monger, former proprietor of the Freeman. The capital stock paid in, is \$21,000. The Freeman will be greatly improved, the editorial department being conducted by Messrs. Randall and Fuller, and the business management being left to Mr. Monger. Yesterday's issue contains the salutatory of the new company, and gives full assurance of the improvements contemplated. The Review extends its best wishes to the Freeman company, and hopes their most sanguine expectations may be realized.

Failure of a Millionaire.  
New York, May 2, 1884.—At two o'clock to day the report that Sidney Dillon, president of the Union Pacific road, had failed, created a very marked commotion on 'Change, and in less than ten minutes every broker and banker in the business district was discussing it. The report is very generally credited because of the great shrinkage in Union Pacific, Western Union and Wabash stocks, in all of which Mr. Dillon was regarded as a large investor. Mr. Dillon is now over 70 years of age, and has devoted his entire life to railroad affairs. He began when young as a contractor, and did a great deal of work for the elder Vanderbilt.

Resolution of Thanks.  
At the regular meeting of Local Assembly No. 2435, Knights of Labor, held at their hall last night, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Mr. C. C. Radcliff for an elegantly upholstered chair, valued at \$35, which he presented to the order. The chair is a very handsome one, and was manufactured by Mr. Geo. P. Hart, the upholsterer, under Fleury's one-price clothing house.

The Turnover.  
As many applications have been made, the Decatur Turnover has decided to admit children of non-members as well as non-members to their different classes in gymnastics, at the following rates for a term of three months: One child, \$1.00; two children of the same family, \$1.25; three or more children of the same family, \$1.50; adults, fifty cents per month. These fees must be paid strictly in advance. Applications will be received on the following days at the Turner hall, south of the Republican office: Boys' class, age 6 to 12 years, on Monday and Thursday at 4 p. m.; youths' class, age 12 to 18 years, on Monday and Thursday at 7 p. m.; girls' class, Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. and Saturday at 1:30 p. m. All exercises and training will be conducted by our teacher, Mr. H. Webber, and parents may rest assured that the so much needed physical development of their children, will be attended to in a systematic way, and that order, good manners and strict discipline must be observed.

Mr. E. D. Johnson.  
Desires to call the attention of the ladies of Decatur to the Self-Instructing System of fitting garments—as useful as the sewing machine is for making them—as it will enable all ladies who do cutting and fitting to do five times the amount of work possible to be with any other system, and do it better. I will give ladies attention from 12 to 2 o'clock, p. m., and from 6 to 8 in the evening, at the New Dining Hotel, up to Saturday noon, and will return again May 12th for one week. No charge for instruction. ml lw

Wanted.  
Customers who have never before seen such an elegant line of carpets, curtains and wall decorations as are on sale at Abel & Locke's. a29dtf

PARASOLS.  
An Elegant Assortment at prices much lower than generally sold in Decatur. CHEAP STORE. Big 18 Merchant St. a26

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty outings relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this. a221m

No other medicine is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for colds, coughs, and all derangements of the respiratory organs tending toward consumption. In all ordinary cases it is a certain cure, and it affords sure relief for the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease.

If a well be poisoned, we be to those who drink thereat. It is worse to poison the fountain of life for one's self, and for posterity. Often by carelessness, or misfortune, or inheritance, this has been done. Ayer's Sarsaparilla frees the blood, the vital stream, and restores appetite, strength, and health. d&w lw

OUR SCHOOLS.			
Report of Attendance for Week Ending May 2, '84.			
School.	Enrol.	4 days Term.	Absent.
1st Ward.			
T. N. Wilkinson	42	21	1
Mary W. French	45	27	1
S. Alice Child	41	29	1
Mary Wilder	50	30	1
Ellen Dear	62	30	1
2nd Ward.			
L. E. Evans	56	39	1
A. R. Hardy	39	29	1
Freeman	41	29	1
E. Crowley	47	24	1
T. Tucker	72	31	1
Deaney	94	34	1
3rd Ward.			
E. Philbrook	61	36	1
L. E. Evans	31	17	1
M. Edwards	50	30	1
B. Patton	41	26	1
M. E. Lukens	78	39	1
E. Murphy	86	21	1
4th Ward.			
J. E. Dwyer	61	27	1
A. N. Jack	53	31	1
M. A. Raymond	52	31	1
M. C. Gregory	54	30	1
M. A. Davidson	65	37	1
E. Philbrook	92	27	1
5th Ward.			
Minnie A. Parker	37	22	1
Rosa E. Johnson	47	9	1
Edna Lind	51	32	1
Annie E. Woods	59	35	1
6th Ward.			
C. W. Shipley	47	29	1
M. A. Davidson	43	23	1
Sarah E. Shinderson	77	32	1
Laura Montgomery	77	32	1
JONES SCHOOL.			
Martha Johnson	12	19	1

Telegraphing.  
The undersigned will open rooms by June 1st for teaching telegraphy. Those wishing to avail themselves will address postoffice box 504. It would be an advantage to those persons wishing to learn this art, as the postal system of telegraphy which is to be adopted in the country double the amount of operators will be needed.

Lowest prices in the city, at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. addtf

## FARMERS, MECHANICS,

EVERY BODY CAN

Save 25 Per Cent.

BY BUYING

CLOTHING,

Furnishing Goods!

HATS, ETC.,

—AT THE—

## White Front

JOHN IRWIN would be pleased to see you. No trouble to show goods.

JOHN IRWIN, Manager.

GRAND OPENING OF THE ROYAL

## Museum of Anatomy

FROM 9 A. M. TO 11 P. M.

ADMISSION 15 CTS. For Gentlemen only.

Boys under 15 years not admitted.

Remember the place, Carter's Building.

West Side Old Square.

Now on Exhibition for a few days only. Call early and avoid the rush.

NOTICE TO LAND BUYERS.

The undersigned, one of the associates of T. O. Smith, expects to be in Decatur by the middle of May, and is desirous of selling the first building site of the town of Decatur, Ill., situated on the corner of the intersection of the main street and the street leading to the new bridge, and containing about 10 acres of land.

WILLOW BRANCH.

2 1/2 miles west of Monrovia, it contains a large tract of land, and is situated on the corner of the intersection of the main street and the street leading to the new bridge, and containing about 10 acres of land.

640 Acres, Prairie and Timber.

Has living water in abundance, and a fine tract of land, and is situated on the corner of the intersection of the main street and the street leading to the new bridge, and containing about 10 acres of land.

The Grandest and Most Realistic Performance ever Presented to the American World.

## OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY, MAY 9th

Mr. W. P. Powell has the pleasure of presenting the following Dramatic Presentation.

## THE WORLD!

In Six Acts and Eight Tablets.

\$10,000 For Scenery and Effects.

This Most Realistic, Sensational and Spectacular Performance is a Perfect Marvel of Scenic Effects, Luminous and Wonderful and Beautiful. The Wonderful and Spectacular.

## Raft Scene.

Covering 10,000 Square Feet of Canvas, and Occupying the Entire Stage from Wall to Wall, with its Bizarre Waves and Terrible Reality.

The Deck of the Ocean Steamer by Night. Magnificent Moonlight Panorama. The Revolving Tower, Etc.

The Popular and Sensational Actor

MR. J. Z. LITTLE!

Supported by a Company of Acknowledged Ability.

NOTE.—The Public is Assured that every scene will be presented in its entirety, and money refunded. We guarantee all promises.

Prices: 50, 75c and \$1. Seats secured at Curtis & Co's.

## NOTIONS.

Do you know that J. W. Race, of the firm of J. R. Race & Co., has just returned from New York, where he bought goods cheaper than ever?

Yes, I've heard so—and that they are now receiving an immense stock for the spring trade—but they always did have the largest and best stock in the city, and sold them mighty cheap.

Did you hear about their WATCH DONATION?

They are STEM WINDERS and guaranteed to keep Good TIME and are Given Away with every \$20 and over worth of goods purchased of them, for cash.

Buy a \$20 suit and get the CORRECT TIME.

When are you going around to see their stock?

Why, just as soon as I can get time. Every day is opening day with them! They are always ready to wait on customers and give them bargains.

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129-135 North Water St., - - Decatur, Ill.

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Now on sale regardless of cost.

BOOTS!

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And everything carried in a general

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SATURDAY, MAY 1904.

## LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

The season draws near for the wild cyclone.

The nicest shoes in the city at J. W. Baker's. 20d

New spring shoes at J. W. Baker's cheap store. 20d

Burt's Gault's Waukegan at L. L. Ferris & Co.'s. 15d  
Roller skating to-night. Good music will be in attendance.

There will be a lecture at the tabernacle to-morrow afternoon.

Springfield ice dealers are on the eve of indulging in an ice war.

Prize Shooting Gallery, Prairie street, opposite postoffice. 25w1\*

\$10.00 all wool suits, at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. 15d

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Young man, see what a nice shoe you can get at J. W. Baker's. 27d

Preparations are now in order for a proper observance of Decoration Day.

Dry stove wood, cord wood and chunks at McCalland's, Telephone 21. 18d

Reports are to the effect that the strawberry crop will be a large one this season.

New spring and summer underwear, at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. 15d

English Waukegan style gents' shoes, in great variety at L. L. Ferris & Co.'s. 15d

All the latest spring styles shoes, at the large and popular store of L. L. Ferris & Co. 15d

John H. Meyer has put barbed wire fences in front of his tenant houses on Webster street.

Neckwear in all the latest styles and shades at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. 15d

75c buys a nice parole shirt, with separate collars and cuffs, at Fleury's, corner old square. 15d

The Hazel Kirke company was entertained at the St. Nicholas. They went from here to Ft. Wayne.

Fancy percale shirts, with or without collars attached, at Fleury's One Price Clothing House. 15d

You can get better shoes for the money at J. W. Baker's than at any other store in the city. 20d

Bill Skelly was locked up by Officer Jase Brewer yesterday for drunkenness. He will be given a trial to-day.

The German band was on the streets yesterday, and succeeded in gathering in a good many stray nickels.

Sells Bros' circus is soon to appear in our city, but they evidently intend to miss Decatur this season.

Spring shoes, best quality, and lowest prices in the city, at the large and popular store of L. L. Ferris & Co. 15d

A little boy is credited with parsing the word "dude" in the grammar class, by saying, "Dude is a noun, the name of a thing."

An electric light has been hung between the Hyatt office and Fleury's building. It is paid for by the people in the vicinity.

The Sons of Veterans will meet at the city clerk's office this evening, and will most likely make application for a charter.

Rev. Alex. Thompson will lecture at the tabernacle to-morrow Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject: Does Life End All?

The attorneys of this city expect a meet at the circuit clerk's office to-day, and arrange the docket for the coming term of court.

Ferguson & Dillman have all kinds of seine cord for marine purposes. Call and see. No. 123 North Water street. 15d

Personal: Mothers, call on John Irwin at the White Front for a nothy hat for your boy. A large stock of the latest styles just received. 15d

J. Z. Little's famous spectacular drama, "The World," will be presented here on the evening of May 9. It is one of the finest dramas on the road.

The chain gang was at work on Webster street yesterday, cleaning her gutters. Only five men were at work, four having rebelled in the morning.

Personal: John Irwin would be pleased to have his friends call at the White Front. Glad to see you at any time, whether you wish to buy or not. 15d

Officer Bailey and Merchant Policeman Woodbridge locked up a man last evening, who was too drunk to give his name.

The Art Union meeting will be held

at the Christian church in a couple of weeks. Judge Nelson will deliver the address of welcome.

Go to Wingate's lamp store and buy one of those steam washing machines, if you want to see the dirt roll out of your clothes without a particle of rubbing. 15d

An eastern physician insists that corsets are a greater evil than liquor. Among the women, yes, but there are mighty few men who choose corsets when they desire to get tight.

Jack Lilly, the Wabash baggage master who was recently laid off for not purchasing his uniform where the "brass collar" of the road wanted him to, has resumed his run.

Al Morgan talks of opening a meat market at his present quarters, if the council refuses to grant any license.

Alderman Muzzy has promised Al his patronage, as have a good many others.

The highest cash price will be paid for all kinds of second-hand furniture, stoves, and house furnishings goods, by A. A. Bishop, East side City Park. 3w

Marshal Mason was busy yesterday notifying the people to clean their alleys. He is determined that the work shall be done, and that at once.

Al should lead his warning and save trouble and cost.

Personal: When you want anything in the line of clothing or gents' furnishing goods you will save 25 percent by patronizing John Irwin at the White Front, revolving sign, near postoffice. 15d

A. A. Bishop has sold out in Lincoln and returned to Decatur. He will open a second-hand furniture store on Franklin street, east side of the City Park, next week.

Personal: As the weather grows warm light underwear will be in demand. John Irwin is pleased to inform you that he has at the White Front an elegant line to show you at extremely low prices. 15d

D. C. Mallitt's ice wagons are now making the round of the city daily, and he is prepared to furnish a good and pure article in any quantity, in any part of the city. Orders by telephone, No. 100, will receive prompt attention. 2c

Marshal Mason and Captain Howes arrested a fellow named Roney last evening, and locked him up. He was drunk, but the officers also have an execution against him. Roney is the fellow who recently raised a rumpus in a street car.

A quite exciting game of checkers was played at Frank Wood's office, in Central Block, last evening, the contestants being Dr. M. D. Peckham, "the man from Syracuse," and Geo. Drobisch, a Decatur lad. Dr. Peckham was victor, winning eight out of ten games played.

The latest novelty in photography is "stamp portraits," which are of postage stamp size, and come in sheets, perforated and gummed on the back, like a sheet of postage stamps. When writing to a friend you tear one off and stick it on the letter paper or envelope.

James McLaughlin was the only victim before Squire McGorray yesterday. He was fined \$3 and costs for getting drunk and going to sleep in the postoffice while standing up. Not having the necessary funds with which to liquidate the assessment, he was sent to the chain gang.

The fine barn of Mr. Joel Gillette, near Peoria, was struck by lightning on Wednesday night. It caught fire, and was entirely consumed, together with several valuable horses, a large quantity of agricultural implements, and several tons of hay, etc. The loss will be between eight and ten thousand dollars.

The saloon license expires a week from to-day, and it appears that after that we are to have a prohibition city. Some liquor dealers still cherish the hope that license may be granted, but others seem to think that there is no show at all. This matter will be discussed at the council meeting on Monday night.

Lewis Peters, a young man employed in the Wabash yards, met with a painful accident yesterday forenoon. In attempting to mount a moving train, he missed his hold, and in falling got his foot under the wheels. Besides being severely cut, a bone or so was broken, and the amputation of a couple of toes may yet be necessary. Drs. W. J. and Cass Chenoweth attended him.

A young Russian named George Scheite, and his former employer, Jacob Bechter, before Squire Curtis yesterday. Scheite made a verbal contract with Bechter to work on his farm for a year at \$15 per month and board, but at the end of six months he quit, and now wants his money which Bechter refuses to pay on account of his not sticking the year out. Squire Curtis will decide the case to-day.

Jacob Johann, general master mechanic of the Wabash, departed yesterday for Vincennes, Indiana, on railroad business. He thinks the pre-

sent bad outlook for Wabash stocks is merely the result of manipulation on the part of some heavy magnate, and that it will reach a more respectable showing sooner or later. He also expressed the belief that the road would not pass into the hands of a receiver.

—Springfield Monitor.

The Philomathean society held its regular weekly meeting at the high school building last evening. The usual literary exercises were gone through, but the discussion of the question: "Resolved, that the telegraph system should be controlled by the government," was postponed until next meeting. The closing meeting of the society for the season, will be held on the 23d inst., at which there will be a good programme, and music by a good orchestra.

There are many attractions and many things to be seen at the extensive agricultural, implement and farm-machinery establishment of Messrs. Leavitt & Royal, but the chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely, is the splendid Aultman-Taylor traction engine and separator, named for the "Decatur Review." The manufacturers may well be proud of such mechanism, Messrs. Leavitt & Royal may be proud as the possessors, and we are proud of such a namesake.

Messrs. Ed. McClellan, Silas Packard, John R. Miller, O. B. Gorin, F. W. Haines, W. E. Bingham, M. Gore and Rev. T. W. Pinkerton and Mrs. John R. Miller and Mrs. W. E. Bingham got home yesterday morning on the P. D. & E., from the Mackinac, eleven miles this side of Pekin. They have been camping out there for several days past, and all are delighted with the pleasant time they enjoyed. The party were very successful with the line and rod, capturing a great many black-bass and other game fish.

M. A. Myer informs us that there has been in circulation a report that he is going to make the west his future home, and this is entirely without foundation, being circulated by some of his competitors. He knows how to account for the report, but he wants the public to understand that he is at his old place ready to do and superintend all the liner branches of painting, frescoing and decorating as heretofore. He says, don't worry yourselves, boys; whenever he takes his departure he will call around and give you a final adieu, and the field besides, but not yet awhile. 15d

Yesterday morning when the chain gang was ordered to the streets to work, Dutch Holland, Cash Force, Grant Cossins, and young Spencer, refused to join them. They were immediately placed in separate cells, and Marshal Mason will try the lot of bread and water on their proud spirits. They are four of the crowd of youthful gamblers arrested on Saturday evening. Force complained of being sick, and the marshal sent a physician to see him, who said that the diet he had been placed on was the best prescription for his complaint.

W. A. Bridges is not only a practical painter, decorator and paper hanger himself, but he has four first-class decorators, all of whom have worked in large cities, and thoroughly understand their business. He makes no extra charge for designing. He has also men for plain bagging boys, but first-class workmen who can work over carpets and furniture without any fear of damage. He does all kinds of work in his line—from the plainest to the very best. He will calculate, paint or paper your rooms after the carpets are put down, and no fear of damage. In connection with his paint shop, he has a paper and paint store filled with a complete line of goods in his line. The best of paints and oils, and the latest and best designs in paper. No old goods. He will sell them, too, not only as low, but from ten to fifteen per cent. cheaper than they are sold by other houses. Call and see and be convinced. —W. A. Bridges, 215 North Main St., 2d door north of Brewer's bakery.

—The World.

The Richmond Daily Palladium says this of Little's "World," which will be presented here next Friday evening: The Brooks & Dickson "World" at the opera house last night, fell flat. The actors are sticks and the scenery is trashy. The play itself does not deserve the merits of its rival, Little's "World," and those who saw both shows accord Little the place for acting. Should the two shows come again, the latter would take all the business away from the former." The sale of seats commenced Tuesday morning. Prices 50 and 75 cents and \$1.00.

Special Notice.

If you want to see the nobbiest line of group and regular parlor suits, and the finest line of chamber suits ever offered in Decatur, call at Dismal & Meyer, in room 3, Hawth Block, north side of City Park. They have just opened a line of goods unequalled in the city. 15d

## A Delightful Play.

"Hazel Kirke," the purest, sweetest and most interesting story of home life ever presented to the American theatre-going public, was produced at the opera house last evening by an excellent company from the famous Madison Square Theatre, of New York. The house was well filled with a fashionable audience whose delight cannot be explained, notwithstanding that a majority of those present had witnessed the play before. Interest in the piece never wanes. It is a popular favorite of the people who always welcome the company that presents it. The story is familiar to all lovers of amusement, and to go into details in regard to it would be useless.

Annie Russell, as charming a little actress as ever graced the stage with her presence, assumed the role of pure and loving "Hazel" to perfection. C. W. Conlock, an aged actor of sterling ability, as "Dunstan Kirke," and Chas. Wheatleigh as "Aaron Rodney," the true hearted country squire, were the admiration of the audience. Mrs. E. L. Davenport as "Mory Kirke," and Ada Gilman as "Dolly Dutton" were equally fine. De Wolf Hopper in the role of "Pittacus Green," and J. G. Graham as "Lord Traves," ably sustained their parts, as did, in fact, every member of the company.

Miss Russell received a hearty recall at the end of the second act, in company with Mrs. Cecile Rush, who presented the character of "Lady Traves." C. W. Conlock, the veteran actor, was also called before the curtain by the delighted audience.

The Madison Square Theatre Company has a national reputation for sending out first class companies, and the people appreciate the fact, and always bestow a liberal patronage upon them.

Explosion Extraordinary.

Gasoline barrels are somewhat like the Indian's gun—dangerous without stock, lock or barrel, etc. If there were any doubts about it, they were pretty satisfactorily dispelled by an explosion which took place at the slaughter house of Mr. Adam Blasz near the fair ground, yesterday morning, in which Mr. Henry Blasz sustained painful injuries, and he with several others made a narrow escape with their lives. The men were in the "rendering" department, engaged in running hot tallow into an empty gasoline barrel, when a hissing noise beside the funnel attracted the attention of Henry, a youth of about eighteen years. He at once procured a light and proceeded to ascertain the cause or source of the unusual sound. He was warned not to go close to the barrel with the light, but he failed to heed the warning, and on nearing the barrel a most fearful explosion took place. The barrel was blown to atoms, the lamp shattered into small particles, and the room filled with tallow, smoke and flame. Young Blasz was severely cut on the forehead by a piece of stove, and knocked senseless. He was picked up soon after, and Dr. Barnes summoned, who dressed his wounds, and found he had been quite painfully burned about the head and face. It is supposed that a quantity of gasoline remained in the barrel, which became heated by the introduction of the hot tallow, and was easily ignited. In future, it is safe to say, the boys will light shy of gasoline barrels until sure they are entirely empty.

Temperance Camp-Meeting.

At a meeting of the temperance and prohibition people of the city of Decatur, held at the New Denning hotel last evening, it was decided to hold a temperance camp-meeting at the Macon county fair grounds, commencing on the fourth of July and continuing ten days. The project was discussed at some length, and its feasibility made apparent, while it is thought such a meeting will be productive of much good in furthering the cause its votaries have so much at heart. T. J. Crowder, of Saginaw county, and Franklin Priest and Thomas Pownell, of this city, were appointed as an executive committee to carry out the object and aim of the meeting. Capt. J. S. Post was appointed as advisory committee man, whose duties will perhaps be more clearly defined at some subsequent meeting.

It is expected to have all the leading temperance orators of the country present, and that all prominent temperance people throughout the state and the northwest will attend and take part in the exercises. Reduced rates of fare will be obtained upon all roads leading to Decatur, and the grounds will be illuminated at night by the electric light. Every effort will be put forth by the committee to make the affair a success, and they certainly possess the executive and administrative ability, as well as the energy and influence essential to make it all that could be desired.

Mr. W. R. White, the gate man, has returned from a visit to his home in Neoga.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Ella left last evening for Chicago.

Rev. Father Lammert left yesterday afternoon for Illiopolis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sargent, of Macon, were in the city yesterday.

Harvey Downing has gone to Salem, where his family is visiting.

Judge C. B. Smith went down to Blue Mound and back yesterday.

Mrs. Ella Chandler, of Decatur, is visiting her relatives here. —[Macon News.

Thos. Charles L. Roane, of Sullivan, was a guest at the New Denning yesterday.

Miss Minnie Stickle, of Casner, was in the city yesterday, attending the conservatory.

Brad. DuBois, of Leadville, was in the city yesterday, calling on his many friends.

C. N. Walls, of the Assumption Enterprise, was in Decatur yesterday, calling on his friends.

Rev. W. L. Bankston, the well-known minister of Blue Mound, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of Grove City, is in Decatur, visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Crosthwait.

C. H. Winecup, the popular traveling salesman, of Unionville, Asparagus county, is at the New Denning.

William Dietz left yesterday for York, Pennsylvania, being called there by the sickness of his father.

Mrs. Ellen Kretzinger, wife of Rev. I. Kretzinger, of Latham, is visiting Mrs. Rev. H. W. Trueblood, in this city.

Mr. E. P. Trainer, the popular hardware merchant of Natick, came up to Decatur last evening on business.

Squire McGorray has his opinion of any man who hangs his gate so it will constantly swing across the sidewalk.

Albert Martin, formerly of the Wabash office, will leave on Monday for Kansas, where he will remain for the present.

Mrs. W. W. Mason left yesterday morning for Taylorville, where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Attorney James G. Finn went to Springfield yesterday to attend to some legal business in the courts of that city.

Captain Jack, traveling passenger agent of the St. Louis and Texas narrow gauge railroad, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Ida Arthur, of Warrensburg, and Miss Lillian K. Taylor, of Springfield, Ohio, were visiting in this city yesterday.

Roadmaster Perry is moving the old Pierce house on East Eldorado street, preparatory to building his new house.

Dr. E. P. Hilligoss, the genial druggist from Dalton, was in the city yesterday accompanied by his cousin, Luther Rose.

Mr. Pratt, of Connecticut, is in Decatur, visiting his brother, Mr. E. B. Pratt, corner of Corro Gordo and North Church streets.

Mr. Read Spencer returned yesterday from a three days' visit to Springfield, on business connected with the Moline Plow Company's interests.

W. J. Watson, esq., of Grove City, accompanied by his wife and child, arrived in the city yesterday, and will spend Sunday with Rev. H. W. Trueblood.

Miss Hattie Thompson, of Princeton, is in the city visiting her brother, Will, who is a transfer clerk in the employ of the American Express Company.

E. P. Simpson, advance agent for "The World," was in the city yesterday making arrangements for the production of that spectacular drama in this city on May 9th.

Mr. Channsey Sterry, representing the firm of Biermeister & Burdon, of Troy, New York, arrived in the city yesterday, and is a guest at the St. Nick. As a traveling man Mr. Sterry rates ninety-nine out of a possible hundred.

Mrs. E. L. Davenport, who played "Mory Kirke" in the Madison Square "Hazel Kirke" company last evening, is the mother of the famous Fanny Davenport, who has made a successful hit in "Fedora." Her youngest brother, Harry, played the part of "Methuselah Higgins" last evening.

—V. M. C. A.

The Sunday school teachers' meeting for the study of the international Sunday school lesson will be held in the rooms this evening as usual. Rev. Geo. B. Voshburgh will conduct the meeting. All are cordially invited who want to study the lesson.

Masonic.

Special communication of Macon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., this (Saturday) evening. By order.

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